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PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM:

The Agricultural Development of the Jezireh in Syria

This paper was prepared by a British national who is serving as Agricultural Adviser to the Iraq Irrigation Development Commission. In planning the development and full utilization of the Jezireh's land resources, the most important area in Syria for agricultural development, an inseparable problem is simultaneous development of communications to and within the area. For rapid exploitation of the area, the immediate requirements are considered to be machinery and manpower. The paper then describes various types of public utility corporations and similar organizations which have functioned successfully in facilitating large-scale uniform development of large land tracts. After analyzing the present distribution of agricultural labor in relation to cultivated and culturable land, the paper concludes that any appreciable development of the Jezireh would require the importation of agricultural labor and recommends settlement in the area of Palestinian Arab refugees of the agricultural classes.

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